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# Roberts' Ramblings

## “ Future View Redux

Waaaaay back in issue #4 (June 1989) I wrote an editorial called Future View. I'd like to review what that said and where we are in 1993 with respect to those points.

- *Guaranteed equal protection under the law against discrimination based on gender-identification.* Several states, most notably Minnesota, have enacted such legislation. A few cities, like Santa Cruz, Calif., also have such laws. We need more activity here.

- *A national, gender-oriented, non-erotic, weekly newspaper.* Cross-talk, published by Kym Richards, is close, but it is a monthly.

- *A national gender archive for periodicals.* No activity in this area. The closest thing is the TransGender Archive in Londonderry, Ireland.

- *A program to get TV/TS prostitutes off the streets and teach them job skills.* No one has even mentioned this idea.

- *A voice in setting guidelines for TS reassignment.* Dallas Denny at AEGIS in Atlanta is making progress in this area, but it's slow going.

- *A proactive campaign against exploitation of our community.* ETVC in San Francisco has mounted an anti-defamation campaign for the community.

- *Removal of transvestism & transsexualism from the DSM-III R.* I no longer support this activity and thank goddess those who are still trying have been largely unsuccessful.

- *A video produced by the community about the community for public television.* Lotsa talk but no action... yet. I'm working on private funding for this project from a surprising source.

- *More communication with lesbian, gay and feminist groups.* We're making some real progress in this area. We were included in the platform for the March On Washington. Talks with various gay, lesbian, and feminist groups continue all around the country.

- *More leaders, less rulers.* Ah, well, I can dream can't I?

**Caveat Emptor:** LadyLike is now providing a 900 telephone service for its readers. I hope that you will use this service, but I want you to use it wisely. Even though the rate (\$1.95 per minute) is low compared to other services, it's really easy to rack up a rather large phone bill if you don't pay attention to the time on-line.

Also, this is not a phone-sex service. If you're looking for a hot date, look somewhere else. This line is for people who want to meet other transgendered people for mutual support and socializing. Again, please use the service wisely.

JoAnn Roberts ”

# LadyLike

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CASSIE OWENS

# LadyLike's Profile

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**NAME:** Cassie Owens

**AGE:** 25

**PROFESSION:** Home Electronic Sales

**RESIDENCE:** Bellevue, Washington

**HEIGHT:** 5' 7"

**WEIGHT:** 140#

**MEASUREMENTS:** 36-29-36, Size 8

**SHOE SIZE:** 8

***FAVORITE THINGS***

**SHOES STYLE:** High heeled pumps

**PERFUME:** Poison

**MOVIE:** Dances With Wolves

**MUSIC:** Rock, Spanish Flamenco guitar

**STYLES:** Suits or skirt-blouse. Evening: the tighter, shinier, frillier, & sexier the better.

**PLACE:** Oregon Coast

**TURN-ONS:** Taste of lipstick, feel of wind on stockinged legs.

**TURN-OFFS:** Smoking & heavy drinking.



Cassie Owens

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***LadyLike:*** You started crossdressing, like most of us, at any early age, but you didn't really get "into" it until you took a photography class in college. What happened then?

***Cassie Owens:*** I started crossdressing when I was real young. I don't remember how young though, probably about 5 or 6. I can remember when I was about 8 years old, I started wearing my moms heels around the house when no one was home. I might occasionally put on a dress, but I limited myself mostly to underwear and lingerie. I also used to go into the attic where we had a big trunk of clothes. There was a girl scout uniform in there that I enjoyed wearing, and I would also wear my sisters old school uniforms. (My siblings and I all went to Catholic schools, so the girls had to wear those plaid jumpers.) I never ventured into my sister's closet though until I was about 12 or 13. My sister is 5 years older than me so at that time she was really into clothes. This was when crossdress-

ing really got fun. She had a lot of clothes for me to wear, and I started experimenting with make up. I would usually just wear lipstick maybe a little blush some light eyeshadow, nothing I couldn't take off easily. When no one was home I would be in her room for hours, parading around in different outfits, playing with makeup, walking in heels. I would sometimes forget to put something away, and Molly would find it, and blame my younger sister Penny. I don't know if she suspected me or not. This continued through High School, though it tapered off a little.

It wasn't until I started College that I realized the pure joy of crossdressing. I was taking a photography class, so I could now take pictures and develop them myself. I never took pictures before, because I was afraid of being read by whoever is doing the processing. So I started taking pictures, and developing them and it was then I realized I wasn't too attractive as a woman. I had no wig. I had never tried mascara or foundation, because I was afraid it would be hard to





get off. I decided though that I would have to use these things if I wanted to pass, so one day I took some mascara, eyeliner, foundation, blush etc. from my mother and sister and went to work. I was amazed by the transformation that took place. I actually looked like a woman.

I have always been young looking, so that probably helped, and my hair was long, so with some help from my younger sister Penny's *Teen Magazine* and a curling iron, I could style it to look very feminine. I was excited at this point, so I decided to order some clothes out of the Sears catalog. I ordered some high heeled pumps, a bra, breast forms, a long skirt and some pantyhose. I explained to the clerk when I picked it up, that it was for my mom. She probably figured it was for me because I went to the trouble to explain it wasn't mine, but I didn't care. I finally had some clothes of my own. This was when my crossdressing took off, and it hasn't slowed down.

**LL:** You had a frightening but funny experience with a mail-order wig. Tell us about that.

**CO:** Up to this point I was still styling my own hair,

but when I was about 19 or 20 I got it cut short, so I had to have a wig. I saw an ad in the Sunday paper for a wig sale at the Bon Marche ( a department store in Seattle). The ad said I could mailorder, so I decided to send for the wig. I sent in a money order and waited for my wig. I was at work when I got a call from my mother. She said UPS called and they had a package for me because they don't deliver to PO Boxes. Suddenly I started to sweat. She then said "I asked them to open the box and they said there is a WIG inside!!! DID YOU ORDER THIS?" I thought I was going to faint, but I held my composure. "NOMOM," I said. She started to laugh. I thought great, my own mother is mocking me. But I held my stand, "I didn't, ISWEAR." She said okay and hung up.

I thought and thought of an excuse and when I got home I said I called the Bon and they said they transposed some numbers with a charge card put the wig on my account and used my name for the mailing. She bought my story and apologized for laughing at me. "I didn't think you were weird. I was just concerned" she said. I don't think my mom suspected anything with that wig I ordered from the Bon.





She likely has no idea I'm a crossdresser. I don't think she would accept it well. She wouldn't shun me or anything, she just wouldn't like it. I don't know if I'll ever tell her.

At this point, I decided to pick a female name to receive mail under. I was watching TV and there was a character in a soap opera I was attracted to, Her name was Cassie. I then picked a generic last name since I have a very unusual last name and I could be identified by my real last name. So, I became Cassie Owens. Since I knew nothing about the CD community I didn't know it was necessary to name yourself. I didn't think of myself as Cassie, until I ordered a new wig. (I didn't keep the one from the Bon.) I got this wig from the Paula Young catalog. It is the light brown one I wear in a lot of pictures. I gussied myself up, put on the wig and was amazed. I didn't just look like a woman, I looked like a beautiful woman. I was even attracted to myself. It was then I began to think of myself as Cassie.

**LL:** Do you realize that you're relatively young to have "come out?" How did you get



comfortable with yourself so early on?

**CO:** No, I didn't realize I am young to come out. I never really thought about it. When I was 20, I was real determined to find information on crossdressing. Of course I thought I was the only one, I was beginning to think, does this mean I have to get a sex change? I looked in all the libraries for information on crossdressing and got nowhere. I was really feeling alone. I had no girl friend, I was thinking, if I get a sex change I will have to be a lesbian, but I don't want a sex change. Cassie was all I had. I guess I would consider her my girlfriend at that time.

Then my life changed. I was looking in the *TV Guide* and it said, "4:00 PM, Donahue crossdressing fashion show." I taped it, watched it and was amazed. I was not alone, and I was as pretty or prettier than these models. Versatile Fashions sponsored the show, so I ordered a catalog. This is where I got my first issue of *LadyLike*. I think it was issue #1 or #2, I'm not sure but I felt a big relief. I AM NOT ALONE. I also ordered some contact magazines. I liked some of the pictures, but not the pornographic tone of these magazines. If your magazine wouldn't have come with those, I don't





## LadyLike Profile



know what I would have done. I would have been really confused about my sexuality and wondered why I don't I like men. Thank you so much for starting this magazine. It has been a godsend for me. It is funny to think back when I first read the *LadyLike* profile that I would be in that spot. I then looked into all the literature I could get my hands on. I subscribed to *LadyLike* and a few other clean magazines. Even though I have never been to any functions (I plan to change that soon) I thought of myself as part of the community. I guess you could say curiosity, and an overwhelming urge to crossdress is what made me comfortable with myself so early on. I don't know if this vast world of crossdressers and information was available when you were my age.

**LL:** No, it wasn't, so you're very lucky in that respect. You're in a relationship with a female, but she didn't know about Cassie. Doesn't this bother you? Do you think you will ever tell her?

**CO:** Well things have changed since you asked me that question. I am still in a relationship with my girlfriend, but I finally got the guts to tell her about my

crossdressing. She accepted it. It wasn't that easy though. We have been together about 4 years now, and hearing that I was a crossdresser was a big shock for her. I had been wanting to tell her for a long time.

Awhile ago I started getting real depressed. We had been fighting alot. I was getting real tired of keeping my crossdressing to myself, and work was going bad. I decided to give up and run away from my relationship rather than tell her about my crossdressing. I was that scared. I was sure she wouldn't accept it, and our fights were getting real bad. We said some hurtful things to each other. So one day I just up and told her I was leaving. She was crushed. I was confused I didn't think she cared that much for me. She became hysterical. I was numb. I didn't feel good about what I did, but I knew she would never accept me so I figured get it over with quick. It is not easy to end a 4 year relationship. I was feeling like I was forcing myself to leave, I still loved her I was sure. So I decided to tell her about my crossdressing. If I am going to stay I need to get it out in the open. I told her, and she said nothing. Just sat there with her mouth open. Then ran to the bathroom and started to get sick. Soun thought that all cross-





dressers were gay. The only crossdressers she ever saw were Drag Queens. I told her I am not gay, I like woman more than the average guy, that's why I like to dress up. As the days went by things got better. I ordered *Coping with Crossdressing*. It helped alot. So did all the talk shows I had taped. It took about a month, but she has accepted me. Since I told her our relationship has gotten better and better. I love her more now than I ever have. We don't fight. We are very happy. I can't believe I was going to throw away a relationship so easily with out even trying. I never thought she would accept, but she has. She helps me shop, we share makeup. She helps me dress. I keep all my clothes in the closet now, not in a footlocker in the attic. Whatever I want she will buy. I don't have to use my PO Box. I don't have to worry about her finding out. I am a lot more relaxed now. I do not see how some of the other crossdressers out there can keep it from their spouses. Now that she knows I can get more involved with the community, I can attend functions, I can shave my hairy body I am real happy as a crossdresser right now.



**LL:** You've mentioned that at work you've had to deal with crossdressers as customers and they often upset you. Clue us into why that is. Maybe you can give the "girls" some tips for being out in public.

**CO:** I sell Hi Fi equipment at a leading retailer in the Seattle area. I deal with the public almost every day. Every once in a while a crossdresser will come in the store. I can't believe what some people wear out in public. This guy came in once wearing a long white flowing formal gown. He looked OK, but because of the attention he attracted dressing like that he was easily read. He was also about six foot two and was wearing 4 inch heels. People were following him around, pointing, laughing. I felt sorry for the guy. He bought something from me, because I was the only one not scared of him. I helped him. He talked in a fake falsetto voice and used a female name, but it was obvious he was a guy. He also had a huge Adams Apple. There are a lot of crossdressers out there that give us a bad name. I have had them come in wearing slinky evening gowns, five inch heels, enough makeup to choke a horse and expect to pass. I always act that I have no







low heels, my makeup isn't as heavy, but it is enough so I look like a woman. I always wear what a woman would wear during the day. I like suits, or skirt and blouse combos. I have even worn sweats. Most woman don't go dressing to kill during the day. There is a definite difference between day and evening wear. I rarely go out during the day though. They few times I have I just drove around or went were there were not many people. I am really scared of being read, and I don't have the confidence yet to venture out more.

**LL:** People are going to look at you and think, well, she's so young and skinny, no wonder she passes so easily. They'll think it's easy for you, but it isn't, is it?

**CO:** I am lucky in a lot of ways. I'm small framed and not very tall, so I'm not oversized for a woman. I can buy clothes anywhere because I wear common sizes usually about a 9 or a ten. I have no Adams Apple. I'm 25, but I look a lot younger, so that helps. I have kind of a baby face. My only problem is **body hair**. I have a lot of it. In high school I was called hairball. Shaving



idea that this person is a man because I know what it would feel like to be read, but I wish I could say something to help these people out. When you are at home or at a TV party this is the time to experiment and look slutty or glamorous. Wear tons of makeup, vinyl clothing 5 inch heels. Look like whoever you want. This is what makes being a crossdresser so much fun, you can change your image any way you want. The other day though I had a crossdresser come into the store that was a very good example for the community. She was dressed very well. Was wearing a very nice church looking dress. Her makeup wasn't too heavy, she didn't really stick out too bad. I probably was the only one that realized she was a crossdresser. I kind of have a sixth sense. Her make up was heavy around the beard area, I could tell she was wearing a wig. Her voice was kind of low. If she is reading this, I was the salesman who was helping you look at 35 inch RCA TVs in August. I am a young looking 25, five-seven I have brownish red hair and was wearing a double breasted olive green suit. You did a good job, I was the only one who knew.

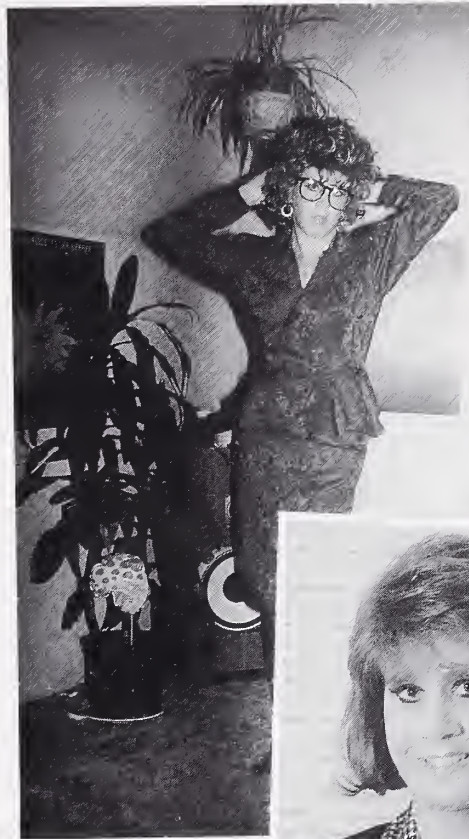
When I go out in the daytime I dress fairly conservative like most woman dress. I always wear flats or



my face isn't a real big problem. It grows very fast and is coarse, but I usually get a close shave. It is the hair on the rest of my body that is a hassle. I always have to wear long sleeves, I can't wear anything low cut, because of my chest hair. I have shaved my chest in the past but if I wear anything sleeveless I have to wear long gloves to cover the hair on my arms. I don't shave my legs, but if I wear flesh colored spandex tights under stockings it works well to cover leg hair, and I doubt anyone has hairier legs than I do. Now that my girlfriend knows, I can shave my chest and my legs in the Fall, when I don't have to wear shorts. I might even shave my arms for a special occasion. It would be fun to be hairless for a while.

**LL:** What does the future hold for Cassie?

**CO:** Well, since you first contacted me for this interview, a lot has changed. Besides opening up to my girlfriend, I joined the Emerald City. This is the best thing I've ever done in my life. If anyone out there is even thinking about joining a group, DO IT! I want to thank you, JoAnn, for telling me about Emerald City.



Just hanging around these people has done wonders for my confidence. I now regularly go out in public with no problems. Being read isn't scary. It was pretty scary, though, the first time I met these people; it was a Halloween party. Just think about walking into a room full of strangers dressed like Marilyn Monroe. I was shaking real bad, but after an hour or so I felt I had known these people all my life. At the first meeting, I told Emily it would be three months before I would be ready to go out in public. Two weeks later, there I was, out for dinner with other EC members.

As for the future, I'm running for office in Emerald City. I'll attend my first convention, *Esprit '93*, in May. Depending how airfares go, I may try to make your *Paradise In The Poconos* or some other convention later. But, most of all, I am really happy to appear in *LadyLike*. I hope that by reading this interview, other people will get the confidence to venture out of the closet. If I can do it, anyone can. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of Emerald City that have helped me along the way: Emily, Judy, Tracy, Susan, Karen, Jamie and everyone else that helped me more than they realized — thank you!



# TV? TS? DQ?

## Find out with this quiz

Everybody needs a good label for themselves. How about you? Take this test devised by **Dina Amberle** and find out what label fits you. But be careful! You may find your tongue sticking to your cheek.

We all love to take those self-administered pop quizzes we find in women's magazines. By answering just a few simple questions, we can find out all sorts of interesting things about ourselves through the miracle of multiple choice. Take this short test to find out where you line up along the transgendered spectrum.

1. My favorite women's clothing is:
  - a. Sequined evening gowns
  - b. Racy lingerie ensembles
  - c. Sensible shoes
2. If you could appear on the cover of a magazine, it would be:
  - a. Cosmopolitan
  - b. Playboy
  - c. The Ladies Home Journal
3. Your favorite role model from television is:
  - a. Geraldine Jones (The Flip Wilson Show)
  - b. Laura Petrie (The Dick Van Dyke Show)
  - c. Miss Jane Hathaway (Beverly Hillbillies)
4. Finish the sentence: "I get turned on when I..."
  - a. Lip-synch in a gay bar
  - b. Wear lingerie under my Army Reserve uniform
  - c. "Pass" on my way to electrolysis
5. My most indispensable feminine accessory is:
  - a. Ultra-length false eyelashes
  - b. Victoria's Secret lace-top nylon stockings
  - c. Note from therapist to my employer explaining the 'real life' test
6. My 'dream vacation' would be:
  - a. A summer in Provincetown while starring in a drag revue
  - b. Wearing a thong bikini during 'spring break' in Daytona
  - c. Flying to Trinidad for 'the operation'
7. I can most easily identify with:
  - a. La Liz in 'Cleopatra'
  - b. La Liz in 'National Velvet'
  - c. La Liz in 'Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?'
8. Which most accurately describes you?
  - a. I'm Cher stuck in the body of a man
  - b. I'm Sharon Stone stuck in the body of a man
  - c. I'm Tula stuck in the body of a man
9. If you could be any female character on *Married... With Children* it would be:
  - a. Kelly Bundy
  - b. Peg Bundy
  - c. Marcy, the next door neighbor
10. The theme song for my life story is:
  - a. *That's Entertainment!*
  - b. *Lola*
  - c. *I Am Woman*
11. My secret fantasy is:
  - a. Winning the Miss Gay USA Pageant
  - b. "Passing" in the fitting room at Bloomingdales
  - c. Not needing electrolysis any more



12. If you could describe yourself with one word it would be:

- a. Fabulous!
- b. Passable
- c. Transgendered

13. The most important male figure in my life is more likely to be:

- a. The guy who bought me a drink after the drag show
- b. The police officer who pulled me over after the drag show
- c. My therapist

14. Which popular phrase best fits you?

- a. "You look mah-velous!"
- b. "The best of both worlds"
- c.. "The more things change, the more they remain the same"

15. You are dressed in your best outfit and you hear a wolf whistle. You would...

- a. Slow down a little and really wiggle it
- b. Walk faster and start to feel paranoid about being read
- c. Give the guy the finger and tell him he's a pig

16. An enjoyable way to spend a quiet evening at home is:

- a. Organizing your false eyelash collection
- b. Taking photos of yourself in lingerie
- c. Reading *The Female Eunuch*

17. My most treasured video movie is:

- a. *La Cage Aux Folles*
- b. *She-Male Reformatory*
- c. *Second Serve: The Renee Richards Stor*

18. My idea of a 'hot' night out is:

- a. Dinner and a drag show
- b. Attending a crossdressers' support group
- c. Browsing in a feminist bookstore

19. Your favorite talks show host is:

- a. Dame Edna Everage
- b. Phil Donahue
- c. Whoopi Goldberg

20. With which of the following would you rather be stranded on a desert island:

- a. The Chippendale dancers and a supply of tanning lotion
- b. The Victoria's Secret catalog models and a supply of lingerie
- c. The National Organization of Women and a supply of feminist literature

**Score yourself as follows:**

Each 'a' is worth 5 points; each 'b' is worth 3 points; each 'c' is worth 1 point. Count up your total score and see below for your instant analysis.

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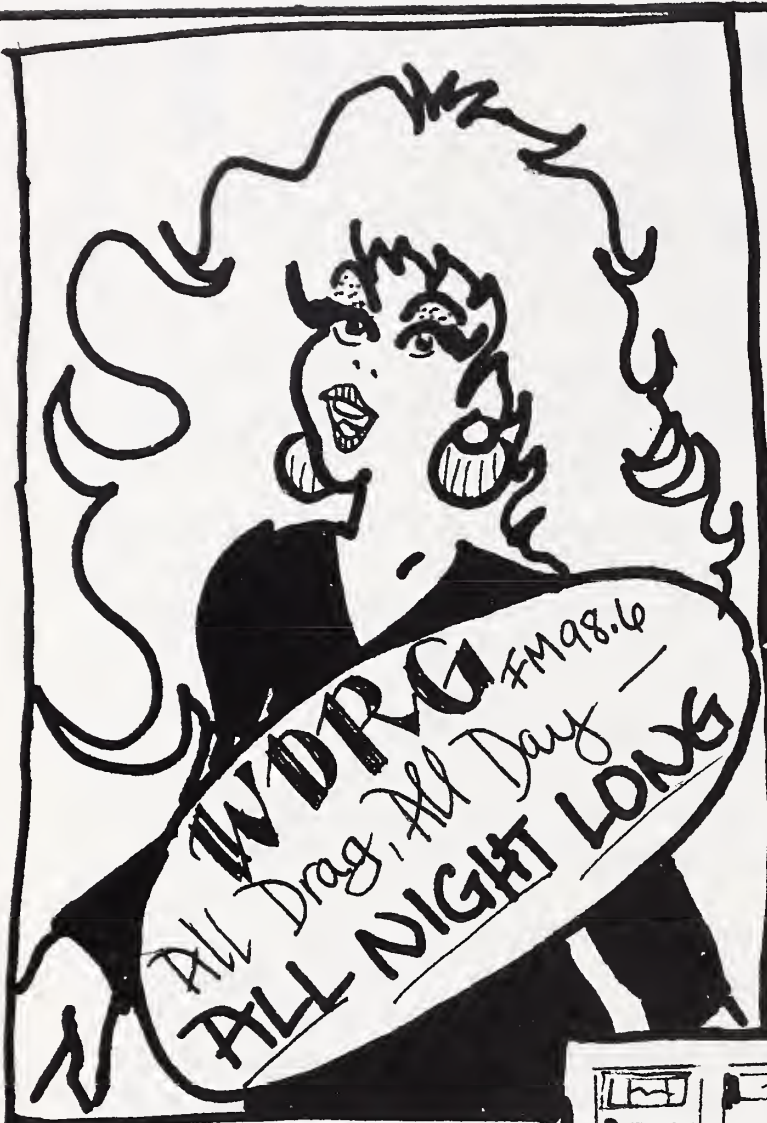
75 to 100 points — You are a flaming Drag Queen. Your closet is probably filled with sequined evening gowns and you can lip-synch to any Whitney Houston song at the drop of a false eyelash.

40 to 75 points — You are a member of that much misunderstood species "The Male Heterosexual Crossdresser". You enjoy doing the same things as any other American male. It's just that you enjoy wearing women's lingerie while you are doing them.

20 to 40 points — You may be either a genuine transsexual, or a crossdresser with an extremely low spark. You may wish to seek professional help in discovering the true you. If so, I recommend the *Jerry Springer Show*. Check your local listings.

Less than 20 points — Check your pulse, girlfriend. You maybe dead, because 20 is the minimum score possible on this test.





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# A Lady Of An Age

Marsha Ann

When I was a young CD, I believed that as I grew older my feminine desires would fade with age or at least not be as strong as they were. After all, when I could no longer present the image of a pretty young girl there certainly would not be the desire to appear as a nice old lady. Just the difference in fashions of a mature woman versus a young woman would certainly result in less desire.

I expected that when I reached the age of 40 or 50 the need to dress appropriately for that age group would probably "cure" me. Right? Sorry girls, that perception was wrong!

My name is Marcia Ann and I am a 68 year old crossdresser who not only has a *stronger* desire to dress than when I was a young girl, but who is also enjoying it immensely more. There are a number of good reasons why this is true.

In recent years I have met many of you sisters, particularly younger girls who have asked me what they might expect as they grow older. Several ladies have suggested that our community would be interested and could benefit from an article by a mature woman.

They urged me to submit an article dealing with this aspect of cross dressing. I hope that the following thoughts will be of help to all of you.

Let me tell you of young Marci's transition to Marcia the Mature Woman. Like most of you my feminine desires began at an early age. However, without a sister there was no opportunity until I grew into mother's things. Fortunately, my parents owned a lovely ladies apparel shop to which I had almost unlimited access. My first time out of the closet was at the age of sixteen (1940) when attractively dressed in a pink silk dress, white sling pumps, a white purse and a large brimmed white hat, I experienced the thrill of hearing my high heels clicking on the sidewalk as I gave my best to

assimilate a feminine wiggle into my walk. I had not gone more than three blocks when two young men stopped their car and tried to pick me up. I was terrified but pleased that from their remarks they thought I was attractive. I mention this incident because I made a grave error in judgement by going out alone in the late evening, something a normal GG would not do.

For some years I continued to make that mistake before I realized that it was safer and necessary to blend with the real girls and only go places alone where they would go. This meant daytime excursions where I would not attract as much attention. This is as important today as it was then and important for all of us regardless of age. A logical question you might have is how to get out of the house in the daytime to avoid being seen by neighbors or someone driving by as you emerge.

I suggest "the Marcia Plan" which I still occasionally follow. I dress completely including make up but no lipstick, put a man's long raincoat over my dress, place wig and purse on the front seat of the car, wear large dark sunglasses to conceal my eye make up and push the garage door opener to back out. I then usually drive to a large mall parking lot where I flip on my wig, apply my precious lipstick, remove the coat, add earrings and I am off for a delightful day of feminine enjoyment.

Older people like to tell young people how much tougher they had it than the kids of today. This certainly was true for crossdressers of that time. First of all wigs were not available except expensive human hair wigs. Even if one could afford such a luxury I could never think of a plausible reason to give the beauty shop operator (where wigs were sold) as to why a young man would want to purchase a lady's wig. Without the availability of wigs we either wore head scarfs or large hats. Yet we did have one advantage in that nylons had not been



developed and we wore real silk seamed gartered stockings which had a marvey-poooh sheer slippery feel never duplicated by the nylon hosiery we all wear today.

Perhaps our greatest problem then which girls do not have today, was that it was illegal to crossdress and one could be arrested for doing so. Some would say that risk added to the excitement and pleasure but it was a constant worry.

Another worry (which many still have) is voice. For years I would not attempt to speak in public even to say thank you to a gentlemen who opened a door for me. Today I have no fear of this, not because I have a great female voice but because I believe if we do everything properly to create a complete feminine illusion the voice will not seem un feminine. Remember: "If it looks like a duck, walks like a duck and quacks like a duck, it must be a duck." People perceive me as female even though my voice is not that of a genetic female. By speaking softly and with feminine phrasing and mannerisms the voice seems to match the lady the person sees. By the way, I strongly recommend Alison Laing's book *Speaking as a Woman*.

Another suggestion from this old girl regarding "passing" more easily is to BELIEVE when dressed that you ARE actually a female, not a man in a dress but the genuine article. I ALWAYS "psych" myself into this attitude and believe me it works. No one has ever questioned me regarding my sex but I know I have been read many times. A CD friend told me someone asked her once when she was dressed in public, are you a man? She replied "No, I used to be" I hope no one asks me but I think this is a great reply.

With this background in mind let's turn to the subject of enjoying a feminine existence after one has lost her more attractive younger appearance. Contrary to what I earlier believed, there are many attractive dresses, skirts etc. for older girls. We should, however, refrain from mini skirts, and low cut necklines. I am always more comfortable in long sleeved dresses or blouses, with the exception of evening gowns.

Most mature women do not wear heavy make up or strong eye make up. Observe women of your own age. They never attempt "that show girl" look that we may like. I have observed that the heavily made

up girls who do makeovers in department stores do not attempt to create that look on a mature woman. The look should be natural. Hair or wig styles are very important too. With few exceptions you won't see a mature GG with jet black hair or tresses which fall to their shoulder. Observe also that most well dressed older women wear 1½ inch heels not the higher pumps most of us like. I still prefer 3½ inch heels because I believe my legs look better in them and they cause my walk to be more graceful. One of these days I'll try the lower pumps myself.

There are other facets which can still add excitement to dressing for older girls. Lingerie does it for me. I simply adore lacy pretty lingerie and that is something a woman of any age can really enjoy. So even though I may be dressed in a conservative manner, you can bet underneath it all is luxurious intimate apparel for my own pleasure only.

Other changes occur in our lives as we grow older that work to our benefit. Often beards are not as heavy and leg or arm hair does not grow as rapidly. Another plus for us is that we have more time for our



*Marcia Ann*



dressing when we retire and in many instances we can more easily afford this expensive hobby than during our younger years.

An important advantage for older CD's is that we do not get noticed as much as when we were young. We blend in more easily. Now I am able to go alone into a hotel cocktail lounge for a relaxing time before or after dinner and not have men stare at me. People pretty much ignore older gals though occasionally I have had nice gentlemen my age buy me a drink and seem to enjoy visiting with a lady of their own age. I think they feel more comfortable with us, and don't expect a 68 year old lady to be interested in intimacy. We can actually go places our younger counter parts cannot and still be looked upon as attractive. I think waiters and waitresses think of me like their grandmother and I love the respect which I receive.

When I was younger my dressing had to be less frequent and articles of clothing hidden away in the attic (sound familiar?) Now with a semi-supportive wife I have a room in our home set aside for my pretty things and dress for at least a portion of every



day. Another source of pleasure is attending "Be All" event" or going away for a weekend or longer period when I can live full time. When I was younger I could not enjoy the ecstasy that comes from being dressed, having my nails done in a beauty shop and being accepted in public as a lady. Several young sisters have told me they expect they will lose the pleasure they now have when they become a dowdy old lady, giving as examples many of the older women they observe who have not only grown old, but lost the prettiness they surely had when they were young women. They say it can't be fun to look like that and they are right! But, my dears, it is not necessary to follow the example of these women. While it is true that there are many who have lost the sparkle of femininity there are many others who are still knock-outs, who still have great legs, dress attractively and haven't forgotten how to walk and sit gracefully. These are the ladies we should emulate as we grow older.

The key to happiness and fulfillment as a mature woman is to observe attractive mature women and follow their example. The next time you are in an intimate apparel department observe many older gals still buying gorgeous lingerie. They still feel young and pretty with the pleasure which they derive, and so can we. On several occasions I have still turned a man's head when the wind catches my skirt and shows a touch of leg and lace. Just recently I was returning to my hotel after a day of shopping with packages and a purse on my arms as three men approached the entrance at the same time. As they stepped aside to open the door for me a strong gust of wind lifted my pleated silk skirt and full lacy slip above my gartered stockings. Like any woman I was embarrassed but observed their admiring glances. One said "Great legs." I'm sure he meant great legs for an old gal like that.

By the way, I have noticed that 95 percent of the CD's I have met have great legs which leads me to the theory that our feminine legs may have been one of the "triggers" which caused our desire to dress as females. Many sisters I know have mentioned their love of the feeling of nylon hosiery and I have the idea that this might be our common denominator. Each of us has our favorite articles of clothing but nylon clad legs are a thrill to all of us.

Another factor which has increased my dressing



desire is that it becomes easier as one grows older to find a male escort. As we mature in age we begin to accept ourselves more and it has become easier for me to confide in others. I am fortunate to have one of my male-self's best friends as a confidant. We were in New York City at a convention of our industry and one evening I confided my "secret" to him. He couldn't believe I could possibly pass as a woman and invited Marcia for dinner the next evening, which he doubted would occur.

The next evening at the appointed hour he knocked on my hotel door and, dressed in a lovely black crepe dress with black patent heels, my makeup carefully done and lightly perfumed I opened the door. He took one look and said "Excuse me I have the wrong room." I greeted him by name and in my best feminine voice said "No you don't silly, come in." His very first remark, which I loved was "Marcia I could take you any place." Needless to say it was a divine evening for me and he thoroughly enjoyed it too. We still enjoy our male friendship as well as getting together several times a year where posing as husband and wife, he likes to take me shopping and approve or disapprove of the dress I have tried on for him.

I believe that others can have this opportunity with the right trusted friend or can arrange with a TV friend to take turns being the male escort. Try it you'll like it.

Much has been said about the importance of "passing." I am fortunate now but when I was a younger girl I was afraid of the consequences and lacked the confidence many of us acquire with age and experience. I feel the need to pass is over rated. Many girls out there will never be able to accomplish passing but still can find pleasure and enjoyment as I do at home. I love to do women's things at home like cooking, dusting, laundering my pretty lingerie and blouses, fussing with my hair and doing my nails. Especially for those who can't pass, I strongly recommend a support group where one can go dressed. It won't matter to most girls there if a new girl is not pretty, as long as she is friendly and nice. Organized events like Be All weekends are perfect for the non-passable person to live en-femme for several days and enjoy meeting sisters from all over the country.

When a person attends these events you will meet really nice intelligent people which reinforces one's opinion of self and gives assurance that one is not alone. Meeting people from all walks of life, many of whom are leaders in their fields of medicine, law, journalism, business, etc., can be a big boost to one's self-esteem.

I have many wonderful sisters with whom I correspond which has also been a later-life experience. I am pleased that several of them feel that I have helped them and, of course, I too have benefited from these lovely friendships. The effort a person makes to contact others by mail can be very rewarding.

To my knowledge, no one has written about those of us who have grown older and have experienced increased desires to dress. It is my sincere hope that these words will be an encouragement to all of regardless of age. Remember, there is only one way to avoid old age and that is to die young. I hope that all of you will find the happiness I have found as an older woman of a certain age.



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*International Foundation for Gender Education (IFGE)*, Box 367, Wayland, MA 01778, Publishes *TV/TS Tapestry*. Reprints and books on TV/TS subjects, other info. 617-899-2212.

*Renaissance Education Assoc., Inc.*, Box 60552, King of Prussia, PA 19406, 215-630-1437, \$16 annual fee includes monthly newsletter. Background Papers on TV/TS issues for personal and professional use. Speakers Bureau. Inquire about new chapters.

*Society for the Second Self (SSS)*, Box 194, Tulare, CA 93275. Organization for Hetero-TVs *only*. Publishes "Femme Mirror." See chapters listed below, look for "SSS."

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*Huntsville*, Sigma Rho Gamma SSS, Box 16174, 35802

### Arizona

*Tempe*, Alpha-Zeta SSS, Box 24459, 85285

*Tempe*, A Rose, Box 24623, 85285-4623

### Arkansas

*Jonesboro*, Mu Sigma, Box 61, 72403

### California

*Concord*, DVG, Box 272885, 94527

*Duarte*, CHIC, Box 562, 91010

*Glendale*, NS Products (Breast Forms), Box 6678-R, 91225

*L.A.*, Androgyny, PO Box 480740, 90048

*L.A.*, Alpha SSS, Box 36091, 90036

*Laguna Niguel*, Fashion 2000 (consultants), Box 6502, 92607

*Mt. View*, B&R Creations (Corsetry), Box 4201-L, 94040

*Sacramento*, Sacramento Gender Assoc, Box 215456, 95821

*San Diego*, Neutral Corner, Box 12581, 92112

*San Francisco*, ETVC, Box 426486, 94142-64861

*San Jose*, Rainbow Gender Assoc., Box 700730, 9517

*Sherman Oaks*, Lydia's Fashions, 13837 Ventura Blvd., Suite 2, 91423

*Tustin*, Versatile Fashions, Box 1051, 92681

*Yorba Linda*, Melody Products Int'l (breast forms), Box 2142, 92686

*Yorba Linda*, PPOC, Box 1088, 92686

### Connecticut

*Farmington*, Connecticut Outreach

Society, Box 163, 06034

*Greenwich & New Haven areas*, Jane Doyle Electrology, 203-869-2323

*Hartford*, The XX Club, Inc. (TS), PO Box 387, 06141-0387

### Colorado

*Denver*, Gender Identity Center, 3715

West 32nd Ave, 80211

*Denver*, Energy Expressions (Transformations) 303-733-4328

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*Miami*, Animas, Box 420309, 33242

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### Georgia

*Decatur*, AEGIS (TS info), Box 33724, 30033-0724

*Rosewell*, Sigma Epsilon SSS, Box 272, 30077-0272

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*Honolulu*, Hawaii TG Outreach, 1142

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*Chicago*, Chicago Gender Society, Box 578005, 60657

*Chicago*, Divine Abundance, PO Box 148432, 60614

*Washington*, Central Illinois Gender Assoc., Box 126, 61517

*Wood Dale*, Chi Chapter SSS, Box 40, 60191

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*Indianapolis*, ICS, Box 20710, 46220

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*Cedar Rapids*, Iowa Artistry, Box 75, 52406-0075

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*Kechi*, Wichita Transgender Alliance. Box 315, 67067

*Overland Park*, Crossdressers & Friends, Box 4092, 66204

*Shawnee Mission*, Gender Dysphoria Support, Box 15561, 66215

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*Woburn*, TCNE, Box 2283, 01888

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*Grand Rapids*, IME W. Michigan, Box 1153, 49501

*Royal Oak*, Crossroads, Box 1245, 48068

*Warren*, Up Town Girls, 21823 Van Dyke, 48089

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*Minneapolis*, CLCC, Box 16265, 55416

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*Jackson*, Beta Chi SSS, Box 31253, 39206

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*St. Louis*, St. Louis Gender Found'n, Box 9433, 63117

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*Council Bluffs*, RCGA, Box 680, 51502

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### New Jersey

*Mays Landing*, Renaissance SJ, Box 189, 08330

*Red Bank*, MOTG, Renaissance Affiliate, Box 8243, 07701

*Teaneck*, The Gathering (TS), PO Box 284, 07666

*Trenton*, Sigma Nu Rho SSS, Box 9255, 08650

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*Albany*, TGIC, Box 13604, 12212

*Brooklyn*, GNO, Box 369, 11235

*Hempstead*, LIFE, Box 31, 11551

*Mountainville*, Chi Delta Mu SSS, Box 93, 10953

*New York*, Metro Gender Network, Box 45, 561 Hudson St., 10014

*New York*, Mardi Gras Boutique, 400 W. 14th St. at 8th Ave., 212-947-7773



# Resources

*New York*, Mary Lynne White (Image Consultant), 212-978-8520  
*Rochester*, CD•Network, Box 92055, 14692  
*Syracuse*, EON Inc., 523 W. Onondaga St., 13204  
*Tillson*, Transgender Network, Box 177, 12486-0177

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*Charlotte*, CTA, Box 25100, Ste 188, 28229-5100  
*Charlotte*, Kappa Beta SSS, PO Box 12101, 28220-2101

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*Cincinnati*, Cross-Port, Box 12701, 45212  
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*Parma*, Paradise Club, Box 29564, 44129  
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*Portland*, NW Gender Alliance, Box 4928, 97208.

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*Easton*, CDI, PO Box 61, 18044  
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*Jenkintown*, Laine Alexander Image Consultant, 215-635-8858  
*Phila.*, Renaissance GP, Box 530, Bensalem, 19020  
*Phila.*, The Occasional Woman (custom clothes) 215-352-0248  
*Pittsburgh*, TransPitt, Box 3214, 15230  
*Upper Darby*, Marilyn's Wigs, 215-446-0799

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*Nashville*, Tennessee Vals, Box 92335, 37209

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*Alief*, Tau Chi, Box 1105, 77411  
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*Houston*, Gulf Coast TV Chapter, Box 90335, 77090

*Houston*, Int'l Conf. on TG Law, 5707 Firenza St., 77035  
*Riesel*, TriPlex Gender Assoc., Box 381, 76682  
*San Angelo*, Heart of Texas NW, Box 30413, 76903  
*San Antonio*, B&P Society, Box 700042, 78270-0042

## **Utah**

*Salt Lake City*, Alpha Rho Provesta SSS, Box 26711, 84126

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*Arlington*, TGEA, Box 16036, 22215  
*Arlington*, Baroness Productions, CD Fantasies, 202-686-4774  
*Arlington*, Jacqueline Urania, CD/TS Development, 301-499-4297  
*Falls Church*, Feminine Mystique, 202-686-4853  
*Richmond*, Virginia's Secret, Box 7386, 23221-0386

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*Huntington*, Trans-WV, Box 2322, WV 25724

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*Seattle*, Emerald City, Box 31318, 98103  
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*Cornbury Society*, Box 3745, Vancouver, B.C. V6B-3Z1  
*Gender Mosaic*, Box 7421, Ottawa, Ontario, K1L-8E4  
*Monarch Social Club*, Mississauga A Box 386, Mississauga, Ont. L5A 3A1, 416-949-6602  
*Canadian Crossdressers' Club Inc. and Wildside TV Boutique & Hotel*, 161 Gerrard St. E., Toronto, Ontario, M5A-2E4, 416-864-0420  
*A.A.S. Lingerie*, 132 Brunetville Rd., Kapuskasing, Ont. P5N-2G7.  
*FantasyLand*, 274 8th St. E., Box 682, Owen Sound, Ontario, N4K-5R4

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*England*, TransEssex, Box 3, Basildon, Essex, SS14-1PT  
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*Be All You Can Be Weekend*, put on by Paradise Club, Crossroads, Trans-Pitt and Chi Chapter of SSS in June.  
*Esprit*, put on by Emerald City, NWGA & Cornbury Society in May in Port Angeles, Wash.  
*IFGE Convention*, once a year in March/April, '93 in Philadelphia. Contact I.F.G.E. or Renaissance.  
*Monarch Mardi Gras*, Monarch Social Club, 1st weekend in October, Ontario, Canada  
*Paradise in the Poconos*, 4days/3 nights, May & Sept. in the Pa. Poconos. Contact CDS/JoAnn Roberts.  
*Southern Comfort*, TV/TS weekend in Atlanta. Contact Sigma Epsilon.  
*Texas "T" Party*, TV weekend in San Antonio. Contact Bolton & Park Society  
*Tiffany Provincetown Outings*, twice a year in Oct & June. Contact Tiffany Club.







# LadyLike's Profile

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**NAME:** Tracy Ryan

**AGE:** 38

**PROFESSION:** Accountant

**RESIDENCE:** Honolulu, Hawaii

**HEIGHT:** 5' 7"

**WEIGHT:** 145#

**MEASUREMENTS:** 36-29-37, Size 10

**SHOE SIZE:** 9

***FAVORITE THINGS***

**SHOES STYLE:** 3" pumps

**PERFUME:** Wild honeysuckle by Jovan

**MOVIE:** The Godfather, Sound of Music, Papillion

**MUSIC:** Broadway, Female Vocalists, Swing

**STYLES:** Career-look, Professional

**PLACE:** Fantasia Fair

**TURN-ONS:** Positive Thinking, Being a woman accpeted by other women.

**TURN-OFFS:** "Religious Right", self-hating and self-defeating strategies.



**Tracy Ryan**

**LadyLike:** Like so many of us, you started crossdressing early on, but you say you never had the feeling you were the "only one." Why was that, do you think?

**Tracy Ryan:** When I was about seven or eight years old, I had occasion to test a theory with some of the boys in the neighborhood. There was an old bathing suit of my sister's that I had been wearing from time to time. I got a number of the boys to try it on. I don't remember how, but I don't think there was any arm-twisting, I never let on that I put the thing on. Although no one admitted that they liked it, several came back for "seconds."

As little boys, we are taught very negative things about girls and girlishness. They have "kooties" or are "icky" and the like. Such teach-

ings have no basis in reality and, in fact, do society a grave disservice because many of the boys grow up retaining these negative feelings they learned in childhood. This, I feel, is the greatest cause of hostility between the sexes.

For me, I didn't learn that my behavior was considered "deviant" until I was fourteen. Merv [Griffin] had one of his theme shows with Christine Jorgensen and others from the "T" community.

I learned my behavior was called "transvestism" and was only practiced by a small percentage of boys. I also learned people could have their sex changed, which led to a whole lot of new fantasies for me.

**LL:** So you did, eventually, come to feel that something was "wrong" or at least very different about crossdressing. Yet,





almost a year before I couldn't stand it any longer. I decided to tell my roommate, Dave, then I hoped to get shopping help from his girlfriend, and dress around our off-campus apartment.

The telling was the hard part. I became very fearful and couldn't get the words out. I ended up pointing to the word "transvestite" in a dictionary. Dave was following my finger and read aloud word by word. Eventually he caught on. Dave was very liberal minded. He told his girlfriend and I got what I wanted.

I felt great having that out in the open. Once you tell someone, however, they become the uneasy one. They have the problem of how to deal with the information. Luckily Dave was no problem at all.

After college, we parted ways. He lives somewhere on the mainland now, I think.

**LL: Speaking of "mainland," Hawaii**

**you told me you shared your "secret" with your college roommate. What was it that led you to do that?**

**TR:** Let me start by saying that there are a lot of crossdressers who are fairly adept at playing the male role. They do a lot of guy things well. These are the ones who have girlfriends in high school and wives when they're in their twenties. They face a variety of different problems than I did. I fit into the profile of the crossdresser who is shy around women and lacking in self-esteem. I didn't start dating until after college. I believed a lot of foolish negative things about myself. All of my solitary existence, sex drive, and fantasies revolved around crossdressing. In high school, with occasional crossdressing opportunities occurring fairly regularly, this had worked for me.

When I got to college, I tried to fit in. I had no crossdressing opportunities. Soon, however, that was the only thing on my mind. It was





seems a pretty exotic place to be, whether you're a TV or not. What is the drag/crossdressing scene like on the islands?

**TR:** Of course it's not exotic to those who live here. It is complicated, but I'll try to simplify it.

The majority of people here call themselves "locals." Local culture is a mixture of Hawaiian-American and various Asian influences. The predominant Asian influences are Japanese, Filipino, and Chinese. A large percentage of the population are of mixed ancestry.

Local culture does not have the same harsh stigma on sexual minorities as Western culture does. It's no Paradise, but it's liberal and tolerant. There are probably several thousand people on Oahu [the main island] who cross-live. The majority hold regular jobs as I do. Some are involved in prostitution and some are out and out criminals, just like any other segment of society.



There is a tradition in the old Hawaiian culture of a social role for effeminate males, called "Mahu." I'm not altogether familiar with this role, but most of the drag queens and transsexuals think of themselves by this term. Many old style families have a Mahu in them today. They are not shunned, but take part in family life watching over children and doing other domestic chores.

The public school system here has no dress code from Junior High on. Many of the "T" people here take advantage of that and go to school dressed as females. It is quite common for a local Mahu to start taking hormones in her teens. Many of them are also fortunate to have delicate Asian features and slight builds. They pass without question.

There are a number of events here such as the *Universal Show Queen Pageant* and *Miss Galaxy Contest* that showcase the beauty of transgendered people. These provide good opportunities to meet interesting people.





During these years I also worked on my marketable skills. I got experience in tax preparation and full charge bookkeeping. When I had the opportunity to work in the CPA firm I'm with now, I made the most of it. After discussing the situation with my employer last Fall, he proved keen to keep me on. He felt people would adjust to me and that has proved to be the case. The few people who seem troubled by the "new" me evidence this by avoidance. This I can deal with. My clients have been particularly supportive of my change. I've built up a lot of goodwill with them in the past and given them the best service I could; their reaction was not a surprise. Good service is too rare a thing in our society for people not to notice and appreciate it. Several of the female employees have been interested about what I'm doing and this too has made me feel good.

I plan to start hormones soon. I'd really like to feminize my body more. I've been much more

**LL:** Let's get back to you. I've seen you both in and out of "drag" and you look pretty much the same regardless, very feminine. Is that a problem for you?

**TR:** I've been living as a woman full-time since November of 1991. Looking feminine has not been a problem, even before that.

Going "full-time" was a big deal. I'd been fantasizing about it for years. I got myself tied up in a bad business venture and a lot of good years slipped by without me being able to do anything about it. Five years ago I started really planning and working toward it as a goal.

It took about a year for my finances to straighten out enough for electrolysis. I had a dark and heavy beard which always was a terrible nuisance. After a couple of years, I stopped shaving my face and started getting my chest hairs done. My face is nice and smooth now.





body oriented, more of a TS than a TV. I am likely to pursue breast augmentation in a couple of years. As for SRS [sex reassignment surgery] I don't know. I'd like to be a woman, but I believe I may find the happiness I've sought through cross-living so I will pursue that first.

**LL:** Well, unlike some folks I've met, you really have your life planned out in some detail, at least in terms of definable goals. I think that's great and you will likely meet every one of them. So, tell us about HTGO, Hawaii Transgender Outreach.

**TR:** HTGO was founded in April 1990 by myself and another person (Joan) after a meeting with a guy from the Gay Community Center (GCC). The GCC had been offering support meetings for TVs and TSs for several years with varying degrees of success. We now thought it was time for a support group orga-



nized and run by the transgendered people themselves.

HTGO holds biweekly meetings in a private residence. Protecting the privacy of the members is very important, since many fear that exposure will harm their career or family life. Many members arrive in male attire and change on the premises. The meetings give people an opportunity to socialize and discuss matters relating to their crossdressing in a safe environment.

The goal of HTGO is to better the lives of Hawaii's transgendered persons. We have a "hotline" number for people to call for information about our group and transgendered matters. We publish a quarterly newsletter. We offer help to the novice crossdresser with make up, wardrobe, shopping, etc. As we grow and expand, we hope to offer additional services such as counseling to teenage transgendered people, and perhaps some sort of "big sister" program for those who have been in







details. The short version of the answer is these people wish to make other people follow their mores and will not hesitate to use the police power of the state to do so. It's the job of the rest of us to keep them from doing it.

In addition to my political beef with the "religious right," I also have theological differences. I am very much offended by their use of the word "Christianity" to describe what is fundamentally a hate-based movement. Enough said!

**LL:** Well put! What advice do you have for someone who is sitting alone, isolated from the "mainland" of the TV/TS network.

**TR:** Well, first, tap into the network. I know that you and others are working hard to get these [closeted] people know our community exists and how to reach us. Then it's up to that

trouble with the law.

HTGO has been recognized by the IRS as tax-exempt so that donations to the group can be claimed as a deduction. Money is chiefly needed to acquire books and other educational materials on transgendered matters. It is one of our hopes to see more such information available in Hawaii in school, public, and university libraries.

**LL:** In your list of "turn-offs" you mention the "religious right." Have you had a bad experience with organized religion and crossdressing?

**TR:** Not directly, but anyone who follows current events can see the evil these people can cause. I believe very strongly that governments are formed only so people can have a greater opportunity to enjoy their national liberty. I could get into a lengthy, philosophical monologue on this issue, but I'll save you the

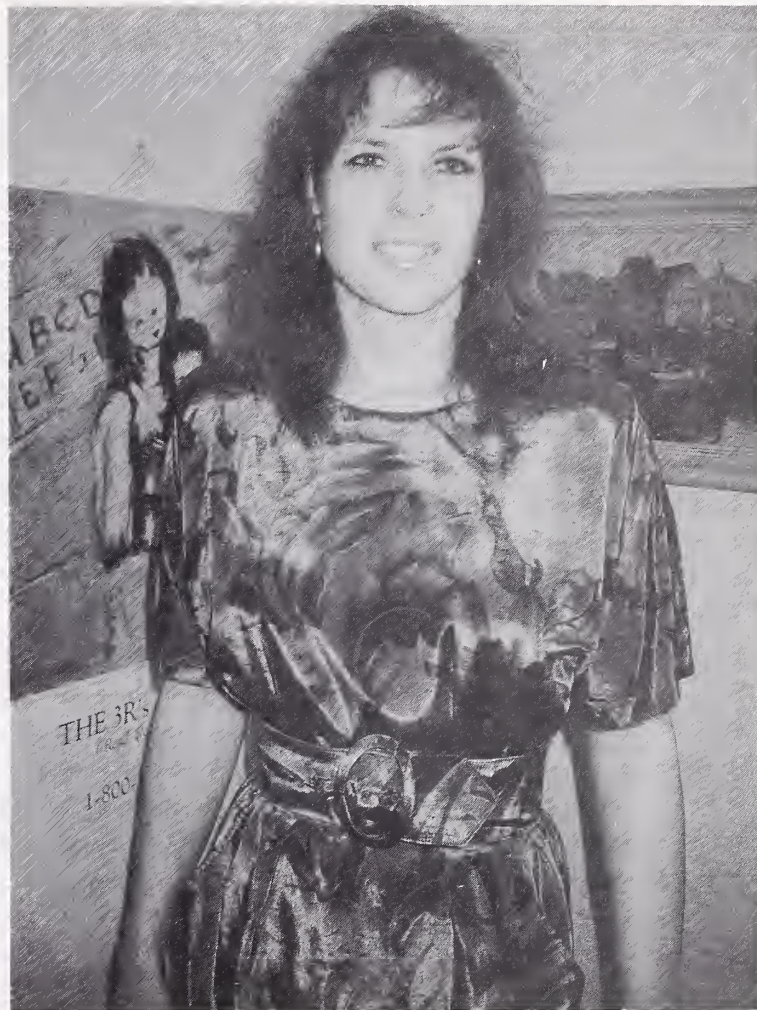




isolated person to act, and act he must because by not doing anything he not only denies himself a great source of information and happiness, he also denies himself to our community. We, then, are one person weaker by that denial and the struggle to gain an accepted position for transgendered persons becomes that much harder.

So, if nothing else, tell them to write to someone in the LL or *Tapestry* personals. They'll have to write a fair number of letters to find someone and they should be prepared to have a lot of letters go unanswered. Many of the people who advertise either can't or simply don't write back. Many don't keep their addresses up to date.

It's important to know you can stay in the closet if you want to. No one is pushing you out. Just try to remember that for all your fears crossdressing isn't really that big a deal. Most of your acquaintances could probably not care



less about it. Unless your employer has rocks for brains, what you do in private will be no concern of his. If you're in a small firm and very valuable to your company, you'll find your boss is likely to be more understanding. After all, money is the key to business relationships.

Your family might care, but remember what you are doing is only a negative thing in our society's eyes and a pretty minor one at that. You must always emphasize the positive.

If there is no support group in your area and that's troubling you, you might try starting your own. If there is a gay activist or support organization in your area, contact them, many of us do. The gay group can make referrals to your group. You can also put notices in their local publications.

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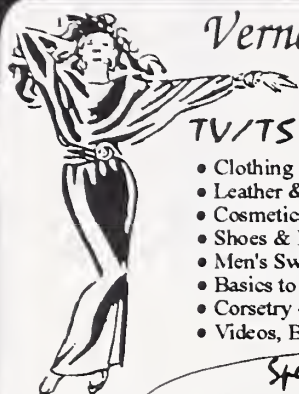
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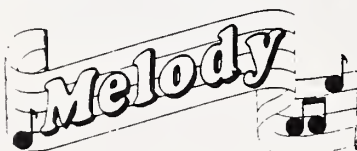
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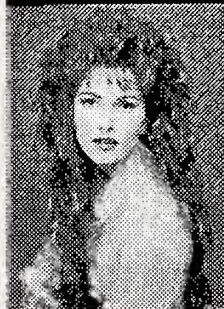
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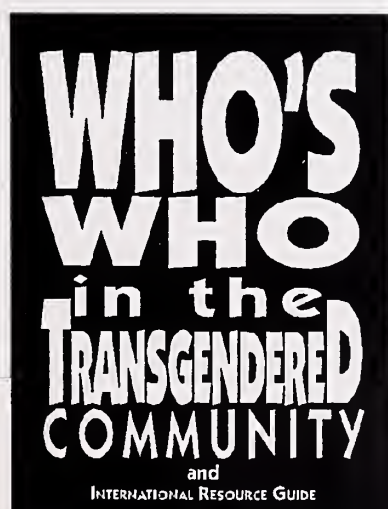
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# Happy Birthday Dr. Magnus

## R. Walch, Munich, Germany

There is however a special reason for me to write, not just to shower you with (well deserved) compliments on Ladylike. I probably would have remained a member of the Silent Majority who buy your magazine and never write you (thank God, you would drown in letters) but for a fact that I accidentally stumbled upon. Dr. Magnus Hirschfeld, who created the words "transvestite" and "transvestism" would have been 125 years old on May 14, 1993 and I thought you would like to know a little more about him.

He was born in Kolberg, then a German, now a Polish seaport on the Baltic Sea. His father was a doctor, who tried to interest his son in his profession by taking him along to visit patients and discussing cases with him. Magnus however wanted to be a writer and, at first, studied literature and philosophy. Proof of the fact that he indeed had talent as a writer are his books, which are brilliantly written.

In the end, however, he became a doctor like his father and took his final state exam in 1893. Not wanting to settle down and open a practice, he started to travel. He visited the United States and was very impressed by the famous clinics and the large grants they received from philanthropic millionaires. While admiring the huge dimensions of the "New World" and its tempo, he came to the conclusion that most of the businessmen with their nerves of steel were, in fact, neurotics.

He visited Africa too, where the hedonistic lifestyle and the tolerant morals of the more primitive people definitely convinced him that sexual prejudices of the so-called civilized world were only social conventions. He came to the conclusion that it is utterly wrong to prosecute those who satisfy their sexual drive in an unusual way.

Thereafter he traveled all over the European continent and visited and established personal relationships with all

of the great authorities in the field of sexual pathology.

His first book (1896) *Sappho and Socrates* dealt with the psychological background of the suicide of a homosexual military officer for fear of detection. At once, it made the name Hirschfeld famous. Then he published several essays, such as *Natural History of Love, Homosexuality* and many more. His main works are his *Sexual Pathology* in three volumes (1917 - 1920) and the five volumes (3000 pages) of his *Compendium of Sexual Science* (1925 - 1930). *The Transvestites*, as far as I know, appeared 1910 with an illustrated edition following in 1913. At that time, he was practicing in Berlin-Charlottenburg, the part of the city that was called the "New West" at that time, which after the second world war became the center of West Berlin around Kurfuerstendamm. His experiences in his practice as a specialist on "sexual deviations" gave him the material for his books.

As early as 1897, he had founded a society which was meant to help people who suffered, not as much from their inclinations, but from the society that persecuted them. Later he incited a political movement which culminated in a petition to the parliament, the Reichstag, to abolish the infamous paragraph 175 of the German Criminal Code of 1871, which made homosexual behavior punishable. Many prominent people had signed, such as von Krafft-Ebing, August Bebel (prominent leader of the Social Democrats) and the very famous writer Gerhard Hauptmann. However, it took about fifty more years and two world wars to reach their goal.

Together with the sexologists Rohleder (Leipzig) and Kraus (Vienna) he started to publish the Journal *Monatsschrift fuer Sexualwissenschaft* (Monthly Journal for Sexual Science). His idealism was proven when he bought one of the big palaces in Berlin with his own money, equipped it with

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His sincerity and undisputable authority made him an expert in many courts. He was a recognized Expert for Forensic Medicine at the courts of Berlin and there were hundreds of cases in which the defendant, accused of some sexual abnormality, had to thank only him for not being sentenced to the gallows or long prison terms.

Humanity, however, is ungrateful and thus he, who bore the stigma of being Jewish and a homosexual, was driven from Germany by the Nazis, his works destroyed and his immense library burned. At that time—luckily—he was already in Paris. He continued his work in London and died the day after his 67th birthday in Nice, France.

From the statistical data gathered at his institute he concluded that about 35% of the transvestites were heterosexual, another 35% were homosexual (today we would probably call these transsexuals), 15% were bisexual and the remaining 15% he described as "automonosexual."

His last work, finished by his scholars, *Sexual Anomalies and Perversions* (Paris 1937, London 1938) is well worth reading, even today. From its preface, I took most of the data in this letter.

(Editor's Note: For those so inclined to read historical research, Dr. Hirschfeld's milestone work, *Die Transvestiten* was translated into English and published in 1991. The book is available through the International Foundation for Gender Education, PO Box 367, Wayland, MA 01778. The cost is \$37.95 plus \$2.50 postage & handling.)



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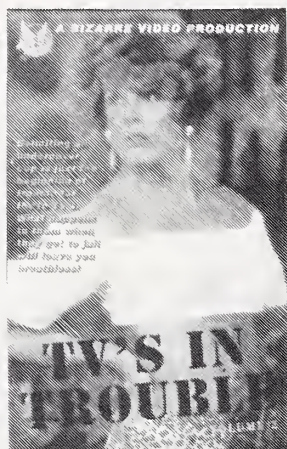
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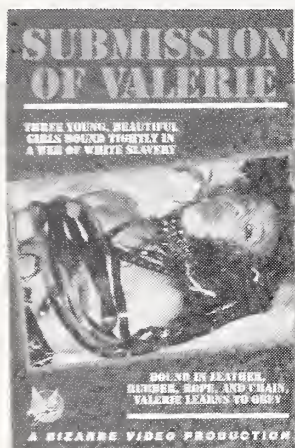
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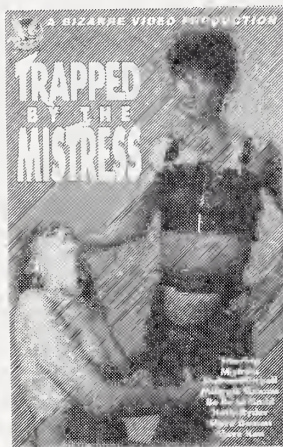
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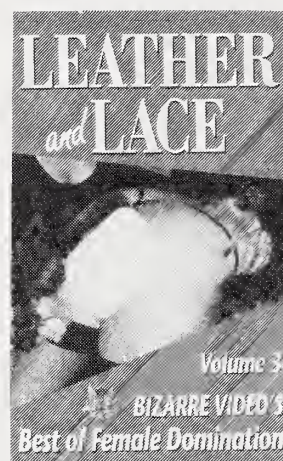
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